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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Zhang et al.  
Serial No.: 10/728,292  
Filed: December 4, 2003  
For: TRANSCRITICAL HEAT PUMP WATER HEATING SYSTEM  
USING AUXILIARY ELECTRIC HEATER

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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the filing of this application on December 4, 2003

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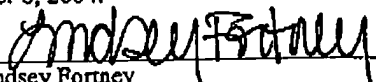
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